

I support media diversity

I believe the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. The issue is at the heart of democracy and it is quite simple. Democracy requires an informed body of citizens. The media is their source of information. Therefore, the nature of the media is crucial to democracy. No one can deny that already huge, multi-billion dollar corporations have self-interests. And only a very naïve person would assume that these corporations take the moral high-road and do not promote those interests through the media outlets they own. For an example of how this is wishful thinking, one needs to look no further than the issue of the June 2nd decision itself. Obviously, a decision to relax the rules of media consolidation would be in the corporations' self-interests. It would allow them to further their strength and wealth. Despite the importance of this upcoming decision to the public—it has to do, after all, with everything they watch, read, and hear on television, newspapers, and radio—the major networks have barely reported on it. In fact, some have even completely ignored it. If the public has no knowledge of the upcoming decision, there can be no outcry against it and the FCC will have no problem with giving the corporations what they want. Therefore, by ignoring the story, the media is promoting its own interests at the cost of the public. This is a prime example of why we cannot entrust the corporate media with the task of informing the country's citizens. The sad truth is that if corporations, which promote their own interests, become the sole sources of information for American citizens, our days of true democracy are waning.

The future of democracy is in your hands.

Thank you,
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